

Because the people are slowly waking up to the fact that this great religious army is being attacked on every side by the great dragon and we must get all our strong young endeavorers for Christ in the warfare.

Let us train our thoughts and actions while we are young and then when we become older we will be all the stronger for our early experience. You hear it said that the young people are making too much of an adieu over religion and that it will reach a climax and drop; but no it is time we all wake up, we have not done our best yet. Is there such a thing as doing too much for our Master?

We are instructed in the Scripture to gain knowledge, and we get most of our knowledge by experience, then see the advantage the young people have, profiting by the experience of the old members, adding to that their own experience, the rope grows strand by strand, and if God is for us who can be against us?

In youth there is actively, the onward disposition takes possession of us, and if we do not work for Christ and the Church, the evil spirit will make it easy to run into mischief. The old saying, "Sow your wild oats in your youthful days," is not worthy of praise. The less wild oats you sow the easier they will be to reap. We say our youthful days are our best and if so, do not withhold the best from your Master.

The young people's societies were established for the express purpose of being a training school for the church, and why do we have training schools of any kind? To more perfectly perform the duties which devolve upon us, then look at the importance of a church training school. A young person who is used to riotous living is brought to see his sin and folly, he is taken into a church where there is no young people's society, he goes to church, is not asked to take part in the work, he becomes weak and falls. Take the same young man into a society, urge him to take part, point him to the motto, ask him to lead a meeting, and he will grow in the work, and feel more and more his responsibility to Christ and the Church, and before he attempts evil he will remember what he has said to encourage others to do good.

Paul encourages us to be "strong in the Lord and the power of His might," and we will not be strong unless we exercise our minds, our wills, and feed on that strengthening food which is God's word. Dear friends, let us try to realize the importance of "Remembering our Creator in the days of our youth," and then when the evil days come we will be able to stand on the solid foundation

which was first laid by Christ and his apostles, and is now being built upon by those who are willing to lay a brick in this great temple of God.

Let us be careful that our offering will not be made of mud or sand and place it so as to mar the temple, or be rejected.

It is very little we can do, but at the end of our journey let us try to bring as our offering a brick that is pure and clean in the sight of Christ, the great Architect, and smooth and strong in the presence of God, the Almighty Builder.

#### PROGRAM FOR SESSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

At Loree, Ind., Oct. 20-22, 1896.

Devotions, Rev. J. M. Fox  
For What Purpose have we Come? Delegates.

Secretary's Report, Wm. D. Furry.  
The Personal Effort in Christian Work. Rev. G. W. Rench.

The Claims of Home and Foreign Missions upon our Young People's Societies. Wm. D. Furry.

Open Parliament—How can we do more Efficient Work? Led by Rev. F. O. Switzer.

Our Missionary Reading Circles. Rev. C. F. Yoder.

Open Parliament—How to have a Good Sunday Evening Prayer Service. Led by Rev. R. R. Teeter.

Retrospective and Prospective. Delegates.

Mizpah Benediction.

WM. D. FURRY, Sec.

#### FAITH.

There was once a good woman who was well known among her circle for her simple faith and her great calmness in the midst of many trials.

Another woman, living at a distance, hearing of her, said:

"I must go and see that woman, and learn the secret of her strong, happy life."

She went, and accosting the woman, said:

"Are you the woman with great faith?"

"No," replied she, "I am not the woman with the great faith, but I am the woman with little faith in the great God."—*The Dial of Progress.*

#### FOR EVERY MAN.

The blood of Jesus was shed for every man, and every man that goes down to eternal ruin because of the neglect of the church will at the judgment bar of God stand as an accuser of the church for the wasted blood of Jesus.—*Lutheran.*

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

## Church News.

### INDIANA CONFERENCE.

In this issue appears the program of Indiana Conference to be held at Loree, Oct. 20-23. This is the ninth session and promises to be the best. Last year at Milford there were 30 ministers and 70 lay delegates present besides 200 or more who were not delegates. The quickening caused by that Conference was felt throughout the whole state.

Coming so close upon General Conference we may feel that we cannot go, but it will pay well to go any how. We think we are poor and are doing all we can, but when we are aroused as a spiritual Conference arouses us we see where *we can deny ourselves a great deal more, and it is worth far more to go to Conference to find this out.*

Those who go to Conference will find they will have more left for church and mission purposes than if they had remained away.

You who have never gone to Conference will you not try hard to attend this one?

#### PASTORS.

The success of the Conference depends largely upon you. Talk about it. Read the program to your people. Have special prayer for it.

Please see that each congregation under your care elects its full number of delegates. Do not forget also to return the statistical report blanks *soon* after Oct. 1.

#### S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS.

Please read the S. S. program and try and have some of your best workers come with you to Conference. The S. S. session is one of the most important. Please see that the report blanks sent you are returned as indicated.

#### K. C. OF C. E.

This name has been the adopted name of our State organization for two years, and includes all the Brethren societies regardless of manner of organization. The session will be a *mass* meeting and if each of our 30 or more societies are represented the work will receive a new impetus in Indiana. Let the Juniors come too.

#### S. S. C. E.

The sisters have a full program and a good one. Their work is a revelation to one unacquainted with it. There ought to be sisters present from every church that the good things may be carried back.

Report blanks have been sent to each church and S. S. and credentials for each minister and lay delegate. If any fail to